Setting up of National Elementary Education Mission

676. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a National Elementary Education Mission (NEEM);

(b) if so, the main objectives of setting up of NEEM;

(c) whether its branches would be set up at the state level too; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) and (b) A National Elementary Education Mission has already been set up to bring to bear upon the Universalisation of Elementary Education a sense of expedition.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to this effect.

Freight Equalization Policy

677. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) that total amount of subsidy Government has paid out till date on account of the partial dismantling of the policy of freight equalization for steel;

(b) the source of funds for payment of the subsidy; and

(c) whether Government propose to announce in the near future the complete dismantling of the freight equalization scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) After deregulation of pricing and distribution of steel, the main producers are charging actual freight upto the stockyard or freight element as existed under the earlier Freight Equalisation Scheme (now Rs. 1510/- per tonne of steel and Rs. 945/- per tonne of pig iron) whichever is lower. In doing so, the freight disadvantage to the States/areas located near the steel plants of the main producers has been removed. At the same time the advantage of lower freight under the Freight Equalisation Scheme to the distant States/areas has been protected. The extra burden on this account is being borne by the main producers themselves; there is no Government subsidy on this account. At present there is no proposal to discontinue this system because it benefits the iron and steel consumers in distant States/areas.

Shortage of milk

678. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister or AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is heading for a substantial milk shortage during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the efforts made by Government to overcome this shortage; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Discontinuance of religious ceremony at Church in Goa

679. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of press report in Goan dailies that ASI has directed Goa Church Authorities to discontinue the religious Ceremony(Mass)

held at 9 a.m. at old Goa Bom-Jesus Basilica in the name of Security and that perception;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued any such directions to ASI in view of any intelligence reports; and

(c) whether they are aware that this will hurt the religious sentiments of a minority community?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE)(KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Archaeological Survey of India has not directed the authorities of the Basilica of Bom Jesus to discontinue the Mass 'Religious Ceremony' in the name of security and threat perception.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Financial assistance to students in professional colleges

680. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is formulating any scheme to provide financial assistance to the students in professional colleges;

(b) the names of such colleges identified in Punjab by the Central Government for this purpose; and

(c) the details of the scheme and the criteria to be adopted for rendering financial assistance to students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) to (c) Government is examining the feasibility of formulating and working out modalities of the Scheme of financial assistance to the students pursuing professional courses. The details are to be worked out.

बाल विधवाओं के कल्याण हेतु योजनाएं

681. **श्री चिमन भाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा देश में बाल विधवाओं के कल्याण हेतु कौन-कौन सी योजनाएं बनाई गई हैं।

(ख) इन बाल-विधवाओं की आर्थिक बेहतरी, आत्म-निर्भरता तथा स्व-रोजगार के लिए राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रवार कितनी संस्थाएं स्थापित की गई हैं या स्थापित किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है,

(ग) क्या राज्य सरकारों ने इस सम्बन्ध में उचित व्यवस्थाएं की हैं और उनके द्वारा शुरू किए गए कार्यक्रमों का ब्यौरा क्या है,

(घ) इस प्रयोजनार्थ वर्ष 1994-95 और वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान कितनी राशि आवंटित की गई है, और

(ङ) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है।

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी विमला वर्मा): (क) और (ख) विशेषकर वृन्दावन और मथुरा, उत्तर प्रदेश में रहने वाली विधवाओं को केन्द्रीय समाज कल्याण बोर्ड अपने कार्यक्रमों के माध्यम से सेवाओं का एक पैकेज प्रदान करता है। किन्तु, बाल विधवाओं के कल्याण के लिये केन्द्र सरकार की कोई विशिष्ट स्कीम नहीं है।

(ग) से (ङ) सूचना राज्य सरकारों से एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

सरदार सरोवर परियोजना से प्रभावित परिवारों का पुनर्वास

682. **श्री कनक सिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरदार सरोवर परियोजना से प्रभावित हुए 40,727 परिवारों में से बहुत से परिवारों को आवासीय भूखण्ड, कृषि-भूमि और प्रत्येक परिवार के एक सदस्य को नौकरी उपलब्ध नहीं कराई गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इन सभी प्रभावित परिवारों का पुनर्वास कब तक कर दिया जाएगा?